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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
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August 22, 2002

BRAC Environmental Coordinator  
Base Realignment and Closure, Environmental Division  
Attn: Mr. Dean Gould  
P.O. Box 51718  
Irvine, CA 92619-1718

RE: USEPA comments on draft final Proposed Plan for Site 16, Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, dated July, 2002

Dear Mr. Gould:

EPA has reviewed the above-referenced Proposed Plan and finds the document to be generally well-written. The enclosed comments address minor issues in order to make the Proposed Plan as clear as possible. The comments include those made by Viola Cooper, EPA's Community Involvement Coordinator for MCAS El Toro.

As indicated in an e-mail message and voice mail message to Marc Smits, Thelma Estrada, from EPA's Office of Regional Counsel, will review the Proposed Plan as soon as she receives responses to her comments she made on the ARARs table in the Draft Final FS and they are incorporated into the Proposed Plan.

If you have any questions, please call me at (415) 972-3012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole G. Moutoux", is written over the typed name.

Nicole G. Moutoux  
Project Manager  
Federal Facilities Cleanup Branch

cc: Marc Smits, SWDIV  
Triss Chesney, DTSC  
Patricia Hannon, RWQCB  
Jerry Werner, RAB Community Co-Chair (via e-mail)  
Marcia Rudolph, RAB Subcommittee Chair (via e-mail)

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**Comments on Draft Final Proposed Plan  
Site 16, Crash Crew Training Pit No. 2  
July, 2002**

1. Pg 1 and Pg 5: Please bold the term vadose zone on page 1 and then include a definition for vadose zone under "Chemical and Technical Terms" on page 5.
2. Pg 8, Alternative 2: Please include that in addition to reviewing the groundwater monitoring data periodically, a substantial remedy review is required after 5 years of implementation of the remedy.
3. Pg 8, Alternative 2: The last sentence begins "If during the implementation of Alternative 2 ..." Please state how quickly this backup remedy can be implemented and whether the public will be involved in the process.
4. Pg 15, Where to Get More Information: Please change phone number for Nicole Moutoux to (415) 972-3012 and add (415) 972-3243 for Viola Cooper.